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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONFERENCES

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEWSOM

1. WHILE SUCCESSFUL CONSULAR CONFERENCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE

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IN RECENT YEARS IN MOST OTHER REGIONS, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN

HELD IN AFRICA. I BELIEVE POSTS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN THE CONSULAR FIELD WITH DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH EACH OTHER.

2. CONFERENCE TOPICS TO INCLUDE GENERAL VISA, PASSPORT AND SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES TOPICS AS WELL AS MORE SPECIFIC ITEMS SUCH AS FRAUD, BOULDER OPERATION, LIMITED RESTORATION OF TRWOV, PLUS A SEMINAR ENCOURAGING AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ITEMS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO POSTS INVOLVED. MISS BARBARA WATSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF SCA, HAS AGREED TO CHAIR BOTH CONFERENCES. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF HER STAFF PLUS EDWARD MAGUIRE, AF/EX.

3. WE FAVOR LIMITING PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S CONSULAR CONFERENCES TO AF/E, AF/C AND AF/W AND TO POSTS WITH "FULL-TIME" CONSULAR OFFICERS. OTHER POSTS MAY BE ADDED IF SPECIFIC CONSULAR PROBLEMS INDICATE PARTICIPATION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL. WE PROPOSE HOLDING CONFERENCES IN TWO STAGES, ONE IN ACCRA SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5 AND ONE IN ADDIS ABABA SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11. ACCRA MEETING WOULD INCLUDE ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM DAKAR, MONROVIA, ABIDJAN, YAOUNDE, LAGOS, KINSHASA PLUS HOST POST CONSULAR PERSONNEL. ADDIS MEETING WOULD INCLUDE ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM ASMARA, DAR ES SALAAM, KAMPALA, LUSAKA, NAIROBI, TANANARIVE, PORT LOUIS PLUS HOST POST PERSONNEL. SCA AND AF SUGGEST PARTICIPANT BE SENIOR MOST CONSULAR OFFICER AT POST OR OFFICER PERFORMING CONSULAR DUTIES.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR PROPOSED CONFERENCES.

5. POSTS REQUESTED PROVIDE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS.

6. AMBASSADOR HADSEL AND AMBASSADOR ADAIR CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, EITHER IN WELCOMING REMARKS OR IN CLOSING SESSION. RUSH

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